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## AMENDMENT & REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Dear Sir:

This paper is a submission for a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and is responsive to a final Office Action mailed March 1, 2006 ("Office Action"). The paper is being mailed or transmitted before 3 months from the mailing date of the Office Action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to deposit account number 23-0455.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

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